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20th Anniversary
***Veterans Day
Ceremony***

*Honoring all
who selflessly
served.*

November 11, 2016

*Corner of 7th & Forrest
Old Town Victorville*





This Veterans Day marks the 20th Anniversary of the City of Victorville's Veterans Memorial and the twentieth time we have hosted our Veterans Day Ceremony and Parade. The most-fitting way to celebrate this momentous occasion is with a tribute to as many Victorville Veterans as we could find. Hence, this year's Salute to Victorville Veterans.

During this year's ceremony, we proudly honor 80 local Veterans representing all five military branches. Combined, these men and women have more than 600 years of service to our country.

Their service spans generations of Veterans from those who served in World War II to those who are currently serving as part of America's War on Terrorism.

Although their military experiences may vary greatly, all have in common their sense of duty, patriotism, sacrifice, and selfless service.

With today's tribute, we express our gratitude to our Victorville Veterans. Thank you for your service to our great Country, thank you for investing your skills and talents in Victorville, and thank you for instilling the value of service in our Community.

Dated this 11th day of November 2016

Gloria Garcia
Mayor

Jim Cox
Mayor Pro Tem

Jim Kennedy
Council Member

Ryan McEachron
Council Member

Eric Negrete
Council Member

Soldier

I was that which others did not want to be.

*I went where others feared to go, and did
what others failed to do.*

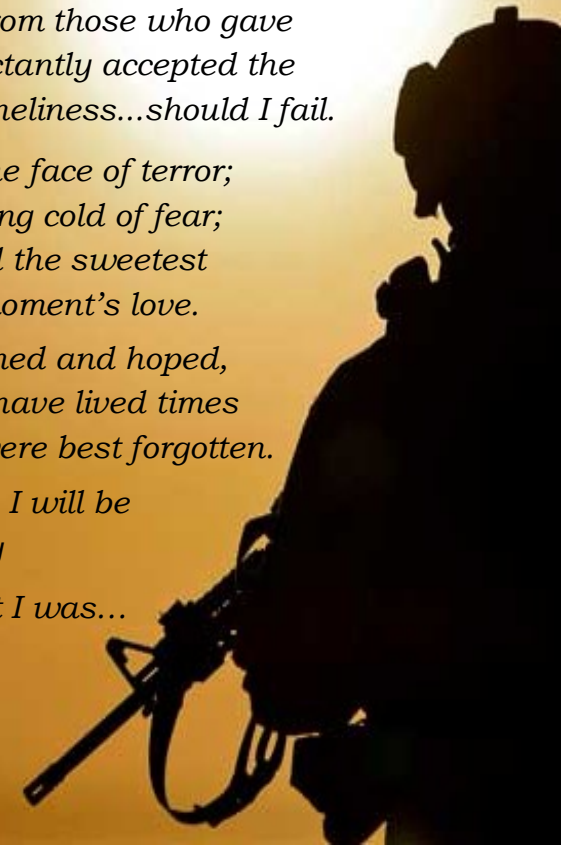
*I asked nothing from those who gave
nothing, and reluctantly accepted the
thought of eternal loneliness...should I fail.*

*I have seen the face of terror;
felt the stinging cold of fear;
and enjoyed the sweetest
taste of a moment's love.*

*I have cried, pained and hoped,
but most of all, I have lived times
others would say were best forgotten.*

*At least someday I will be
able to say*

*I was proud of what I was...
a Soldier.*



- George L. Skypeck

COURAGE

Above all, we must realize that no arsenal, or no weapon in the arsenals of the world, is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have.

- Ronald Reagan

SACRIFICE

The willingness of America's veterans to sacrifice for our country has earned them our lasting gratitude.

- Jeff Miller

GRATITUDE

As we express our gratitude [to our veterans], we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.

-John F. Kennedy

HERO

A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself.

-Joseph Campbell

Sequence of Events

Welcome

Gloria Garcia, Victorville Mayor

Invocation

Father Patrick Travers, Holy Innocents Catholic Church

Flag Raising

California Cadet Corps, 262nd BTN, Victor Valley High School

National Anthem

Hi Country Harmonaires

Message of Gratitude

Robert Lovingood, 1st District Supervisor,
San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors

Musical Performances

Hi Country Harmonaires

Salute to Victorville Veterans

Doug Robertson, Victorville City Manager

War on Terrorism

Eric Negrete, Victorville Council Member

Persian Gulf & Cold War

Ryan McEachron, Victorville Council Member

Vietnam

Jim Kennedy, Victorville Council Member

Korean War & World War II

Jim Cox, Victorville Mayor Pro Tem

Tribute

Doug Robertson, Victorville City Manager

Slideshow

Conclusion

Salute to our

David Arausa, Lance Corporal, Marine Corps, 1977-1980

Master Sergeant Edward E. Bables, Retired, Air Force, 1960-1980

Master Sergeant Joshua J. Baker, Air Force, serving since 2000

Louis S. Basura, Sergeant, Air Force, 1952-1959

Michael Ray Basnight, Specialist, Army, 1963-1966

Fernando Benavidez, Staff Sergeant, Air Force, 2001-2009

Jim Bogema, Seaman, Navy, 1962-1966

Technical Sergeant David Brigdon, Retired, Air Force, 1954-1974

Harvey Brooks, Staff Sergeant, Air Force, 1976-1986

Jason Lee Bryant, Sergeant, Marine Corps, 2006-2012

Jason A. Burnside, Sergeant, Marine Corps, 1992-2005

Master Sergeant Richard Caldeira, Retired, Air Force, 1960-1981

Staff Sergeant Willie Campbell, Retired, Air Force, 1973-1993

Michael Jesse Campos Sr., Petty Officer 3rd Class, Navy, 1982-1986

Michael Jesse Campos Jr., Specialist, Army & Navy, 2006-2013

Jovany Cardenas, Specialist, Army, 2001-2006

Master Sergeant Alejandro R. Castillo, Air Force, serving since 1995

Master Sergeant Henry L. Castillo, Retired, Air Force, 1971-1993

Master Sergeant Haywood B. Chambers Sr., Retired, Air Force, 1963-1989

Claro Claridad II, Specialist, Army, 1985-1988

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Justine Rodarte, Petty Officer Second Class, Navy, 2010-2014

Mike Rothschild, Lieutenant, Navy, 1965-1969

Freddie Rushin, Private, Marine Corps, 1969-1973

Manny Serrano, Sergeant, Army, 1970-1972

Byron Shorts, Sergeant, Army, 1970-1972 (Purple Heart recipient)

Master Sergeant James Sprayberry, Retired, Air Force, 1971-1992

Bill Spreng, Specialist, Army, 1966-1967

Master Sergeant Christopher Stewart, Retired, Air Force, 1967-1988

Jessica Stone, Specialist, Army, 2000-2005

Bill Thomas, Sergeant, Army, 1969-1971

Daniel Uriarte, Sergeant, Marine Corps, 2007-2013

Wes Van Fleet, Corporal, Army, 2001-2005

Command Sergeant Major Robert D. Vanligten, Retired, Army, 1971-2012

Steven R. Vargas, Sergeant, Marine Corps, 2006-2015

Richard Villa, Specialist, Army, 1967-1969

Larry Walton, Staff Sergeant, Air Force, 1971-1984

Paul Henry Watkins, Private First Class, Army, 1965-1968

Gerald L. Wheeler, Staff Sergeant, Marine Corps, 1965-1970

Patrick B. Wilkins, Seaman, Navy, 1981-1984

Ronald B. Wood Jr., Airman First Class, Air Force, 1981-1984

Salute to our

Airman First Class Camerae' Lang, Air Force, serving since 2014
Margaret Turner Levell, First Lieutenant, Air Force, 1961-1963
David Lindsay, Specialist, Army, 1988-1993
Major Michael Lunk, Army, serving since 1993
Silvano Jose Madera, Sergeant, Marine Corps, 2004-2012
John Martinez, Corporal, Marine Corps, 2012-2016
James Mayo, Seaman, Navy, 1979-1981
Everett McKeehan, Corporal, Army, 1948-1952 (Purple Heart recipient)
Edison McShan, Electrician 3rd Class, Navy, 1954-1958
Staff Sergeant Fred Miller, Retired, Army, 1977-1999
Sam Momeny, Seaman, Coast Guard, 2000-2004
Huey Montgomery, Sergeant, Army, 1967-1969
Senior Master Sergeant Garner C. Morris, Retired, Air Force, 1954-1984
Specialist Promotable Demetrius A. Morrow, Army, serving since 2010
Specialist Brenton J. Nixon, Army, serving since 2013
Sergeant First Class Vicky Nixon, Retired, Army, 1979-2004
David Parker, Specialist, Army, 2004-2009
Carlos E. Ramirez, Corporal, Marine Corps, 1997-2001
Chief Master Sergeant Roger D. Robertson, Retired, Air Force, 1960-1988
Master Sergeant Jessie Robinson, Retired, Air Force, 1943-1983

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Technical Sergeant Payton R. Cook, Retired, Air Force, 1950-1970
Anthony Cooker, Private First Class, Army, 1943-1946
Jim Cox, Hospital Corpsman 3rd Class, Navy, 1957-1963
Harvey De La Torre, Corporal, Marine Corps, 1966-1968, (Purple Heart recipient)
David A. Eurey, Specialist, Army, 1969-1972
Danzel Fellows, Corporal, Marine Corps, 2009-2016, (Purple Heart recipient)
Frank Francis, Staff Sergeant, Marine Corps, 1968-1978
Daniel M. Frias, Staff Sergeant, Army, 1966-1995
Demetrio Garcia, Private First Class, Army, 1943-1945
Joseph "Eddie" Garcia Jr., Sergeant, Army, 1972-1975
Sergeant First Class Ernesto Garibaldi, Retired, Army, 1979-2003
Curtis Green, Specialist, Army, 1988-1992
David Herrera, Corporal, Marine Corps, 2005-2010
Martica M. Hershman, Airman 2nd Class, Air Force, 1955-1957
Steven Hughes, Captain, Air Force, 1977-1988
Mark Janeway, Private Second Class, Army, 2011-2013
Staff Sergeant Chastity Cherone Jennings, Army, serving since 1997
James N. Kennedy, Sergeant, Army, 1966-1969
Jason Knight, Captain, Army, 2004-2013
Jason lafrenz, Sergeant, Army, 2006-2011

